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SUBJECT: RTG BURNS SEIZED HEROIN AND OTHER DRUGS ON AUGUST 22

REF: BANGKOK 18448

SUMMARY: ON AUGUST 22 THE RTG PUBLICLY BURNED 2191.44 KGS
OF SEIZED NARCOTICS, OF WHICH 283.65 KGS, WERE HEROIN.
THIS BURNING MARKED THE FIRST DESTRUCTION OF SEIZED
NARCOTICS SINCE 1965. END SUMMARY.

1. ON AUGUST 22 THE RTG DESTROYED SEIZED NARCOTICS FOR
THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1965. THE BURNING TOOK PLACE IN
BANGKOK AT THE ROYAL THAI ARMY 11TH INFANTRY FIRING
RANGE. A TOTAL OF 2191.44 KGS, WERE DESTROYED, OF WHICH
283.65 KGS. WERE HEROIN. 900 KGS. WERE MARIJUANA, AND
1007.79 KGS. WERE OTHER DRUGS (AMPHETAMINES, BARBITURATES,
ETC.).

2. THE BURNING CEREMONY AND PRELIMINARY INSPECTION OF
THE DRUGS WAS A PUBLIC EVENT. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS,
RTG OFFICIALS, BANGKOK-BASED NARCOTICS ATTACHES, AND THE
DEPLOMATIC CORPS WERE PRESENT. PROMINENT THAI OFFICIALS
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INCLUDED PRIME MINISTER THANIN KRAIWICHIAN, WHO PRESIDED;
INTERIOR MINISTER SAMAK SUNTHORAWET; MINISTER OF PUBLIC
HEALTH YOUNGYUT SATCHAWANIT; PRAMUK SAWATDIMONGKON,
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION AND PREVEN-
TION COMMITTEE; POL GEN MONCHAI PHANKHONGCHUN, DIRECTOR-
GENERAL OF THE THAI NATIONAL POLICE DEPT; AND POL MG CHAWALIT
YOTMANI, CHIEF OF THE OFFICE OF THE POLICE NARCOTICS

SUPPRESSION CENTER, U.S. MISSION WAS REPRESENTED BY THE CHARGE, DEA REGIONAL DIRECTOR ADDARIO, OTHER SENIOR MISSION OFFICERS AND DEA STAFF.

3. THE PRIME MINISTER, IN A PRIVATE CHAT WITH CHARGE AFTER THE CEREMONY, ASSURED HIM THAT THE RTG WAS DETERMINED TO DEAL VIGOROUSLY WITH THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM. HE SAID THAI BURNING WAS ONLY THE FIRST OF MORE TO COME. HE ASSURED THAT AS NARCOTICS CASES CLEARED THE COURTS, THE SEIZED DRUGS IN RTG POSSESSION WOULD CONTINUE TO BE DESTROYED. FOR HIS PART, CHARGE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR STRONG STANCE PRIME MINISTER HAS TAKEN AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING.
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